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## **EDUCATION**

*The following centennial proposal is certified as eligible for Centennial Challenge funding consideration in fiscal year 2008. Funding for the Centennial Challenge requires legislation.*

### **Rehabilitate, Adapt and Open Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail Interpretive Center in Selma, Alabama**

Location: Broad and Water Streets in Selma, Alabama

Partner(s): City of Selma, Alabama

Partner Website: [www.selma-al.gov](http://www.selma-al.gov)

Total Cost: \$14,394,000 (\$7,197,000 raised by partner, \$7,197,000

Centennial Match)

Proposal # 119231

### **Summary:**

Funding will be used to adaptively rehabilitate a corner block of historic structures for use by the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail in partnership with the City of Selma as to provide a quality educational center for trail visitors. The buildings, totaling 31,635 s.f. of space will include exhibits, information desks, a theater, meeting areas and offices. Funding will also be used to address parking needs. This project will create the trail's primary visitor contact facility and operational base from which to present year-round programs on the history of the 1965 Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March. The center is in close proximity to over two dozen historical sites in Selma, Alabama associated with the March makes it an ideal launching area for a powerful Civil Rights experience. Through permanent exhibits, audiovisual presentations and Ranger-conducted programs, visitors will be intellectually and emotionally connected to the Voting Rights movement.

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**Future home of the Selma Interpretive Center, Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail**